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BIRNAM COMES TO DUNSINANE RESCUE AT LAST

by WEIRD SISTERS

BIRNAM BANK, with the backing of the Bank of England, has gobbled up the Royal Bank of Dunsinane – whose £325 billion of toxic assets makes it a very bitter pill to swallow.

This forced takeover has saved the world from a financial catastrophe on an unimaginable scale. Quite how close the global economy was to total meltdown is only becoming fully clear this morning, as Dunsinane's books are laid open to scrutiny for the first time.

Under the tyrannical leadership of the butcher Macbeth and his fiend-like wife, Dunsinane tossed aside its reputation for conservatism and probity and addressed the markets with all the finesse of a lion addressing an injured zebra.

Macbeth's trading strategy can be summed up in a single word: buy. Buy to accumulate. Accumulate to grow. Grow to become the biggest bank in the world, nothing less.

And the bank did buy everything it could, from airlines to skyscrapers to cruise ships – and of course, hundreds of millions pounds of mortgages. The result of this manic shopping spree was the biggest corporate loss in banking history.



Out with the old, in with the old: the "new" regime at the Royal Bank of Dunsinane

That loss must now be shouldered by Birnam and by the Bank of England, but principally by the British taxpayer. In order to make up the shortfall, spending cuts will be harsh and immediate. Up and down the country, sighs, groans and shrieks will once again rent the air as a new era of austerity dawns. But how much worse it might have been.

Birnam Bank has quite a job on its hands to turn around the Royal Bank of Dunsinane, which will keep its name but probably little else. The fallen giant will have to be taken to

pieces like a a motorcycle engine and the toxicity hosed away. But can it ever be reassembled?

Responsibility for this mammoth task falls onto the desk of Siward, CEO of the new Birnam-Dunsinane conglomerate and, at a stroke, one of the most powerful figures in the City. Siward's first move was to reappoint three Dunsinane "deserters" – Macduff, Malcolm and Donalbain – to their former executive roles. Further appointments will be announced soon, with more women likely to figure on the RBD executive than ever before.

Macbeths and Fleance Die In Dramatic Final Takeover Push

by MIDNIGHT HACKS

IT WAS a violent end to a violent story. Macbeth's campaign of death ended with his own, by a single bullet to the head. On the other end of the gun was Macduff, whose entire family was slaughtered at Macbeth's bidding earlier this week. Macduff now re-assumes the RBD Human Resources brief, and with it, perhaps, some closure.

A little earlier, the first wave of Birnam suits began to flood into Dunsinane HQ. At their head was another Macbeth victim, Fleance, whose father Banquo was also done away with on Macbeth's instructions.

Fleance failed to fulfill her father's dying request for revenge, however. Although she tracked Macbeth down to his office at the centre of the building, she received a bullet to the back of the head. Her assassin remains as yet unidentified. It was a cruel end for a talented young woman who was already showing leadership potential.

Meanwhile, in a private hospital across London, Lady Macbeth also died today. The cause, according to her private doctor, was "an infected mind."



There is a palpable sense across the City that these deaths have been purgative and that under Siward, the new Dunsinane CEO, some measure of normality may now be restored.

Siward: In charge now

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